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Washington, D.C. 20505

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Mr. Thomas M. Powers

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Dear Mr. Powers:

On behalf of the Executive Development Staff, Office of Training and Education, Central Intelligence Agency, I would like to invite you to meet with a group of our senior officers on or about 24 July 1986. Your book, The Man Who Kept the Secrets: Richard Helms and the CIA, has been widely read by Agency employees. We would be delighted if you could come to Langley, Virginia to discuss the subject of your book, the issues that arose prior to or after publication, and any other topics that would be of interest to those engaged in the intelligence profession.

We are inviting you to participate as part of an on-going series of discussions with authors of recent books on intelligence or national security. The programs are two hours in length (5:00 to 7:00 p.m.) and are held in the Director's Conference Room in our Headquarters Building. The format is flexible and can usually be adjusted to the desires of the visiting author. All attendees will have read your book prior to the meeting. Previous guests have made brief presentations (20 minutes to one hour) with the remainder of the session devoted to wide-ranging discussions between author and intelligence officers. While we would like to concentrate on The Man Who Kept the Secrets because of its focus on the Agency, we would hope that you would feel free to discuss your other books--in particular, your more recently published work, Thinking About the Next War. Based on past performance, I believe you will find an audience that will be attentive and one that will frequently have penetrating questions and/or candid comments. In short, what we seek is an exchange of information and views that will be informative and challenging for our executives and, we hope, stimulating and pleasant for you.

The evening of 24 July is merely a proposal. Should you prefer another date, please contact me and I'm certain that we can work out something that will be mutually satisfactory. The Agency will pay for transportation between your home and Langley

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and return. This includes cab fares; train, bus, or plane service (economy class); or travel by privately owned vehicle (if using commercial travel, receipts should be submitted). Should you opt to stay overnight in the Washington area, you would be entitled to per diem of up to $75 for hotel and meals (again, receipts are necessary). We are allowed to offer you a maximum honorarium of $200.

I hope you will find this invitation of interest and that you will be able to join us on or about 24 July. If you have any questions, please write to me at EDS/OTE, Central Intelligence Agency, Washington, D.C. 20505 or phone me, collect, on STAT [redacted] Should I not be present when you call, my colleagues can either provide answers to your questions or contact me so that I can return your call.

Sincerely yours,

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